

Those ex-ExCo members?

**QUITE HAPPY,
THANK YOU!**

NO, THEY have not moved to Costa Rica or Canada, and despite any rumours to the contrary none of them has died.

The four former elected members of the Executive Council so abruptly ousted from public office at the November General Election doubtless have mixed feelings about life and its rewards, but outwardly at least they are at present looking very relaxed and enjoying release from the burdens of the heavy responsibilities they carried.

For two of them, **Warren Conolly** and **Benson Ebanks**, it was an end to eight years ExCo membership; for **Berkley Bush** and **Trevor Foster**, the end to four years with the courtesy title of "the Hon." and such minor trappings of office that go with being a member of the Cayman Islands "Cabinet".

Generally speaking, they are still in the transition period from public office to private life, with plans for the future gradually falling into place, the immediate need being to catch up on arrears of work which accumulated in their own businesses while public duty was put first.

Mr. Bush now has more time to devote to his cinema, *The Islander*, and Mr. Ebanks has more time for his business interests, which also include *The Cinema*. Mr. Conolly, who has a law business, and Mr. Foster, with a family business on the Brac, are both taking vacations before they get into a new pattern of life.

Acting less like politicians than statesmen they have all declined to comment on the election results lest it be construed as political sour grapes. They have limited their public comments to expressions of assurance that they will continue to share an interest in the continued growth and development of the Islands and will be closely watching the performance of the new ExCo.

Will they be candidates in 1980? It's hard to think that one or two of them won't, but four years is a long time in politics.

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An 'Oscar'
for this?



This is what happens when the backstage crew comes front and centre. It was a lighter moment during Cayman Drama Society's Golden Conch awards night, when the usually unseen workers showed that anyone can go on stage and "ham it up". The alleged Bluebell Girls are [from left] Paul Russell, Cyril Garbutt, Peter Phillips, Bill Bazelmans and Claude Beaulieu.

'Golden Conch' awards for CDS stars

WITH A sense of something approaching self-indulgence, the Cayman Drama Society held an Oscar-style (?) gala awards evening in the Royal Palms' Le Jardin lounge on Wednesday, November 17.

Top awards — which were, rather appropriately in Cayman, golden conchs — went to **Anne Dorn** for her performance as Joan in George Bernard Shaw's play "St Joan" and to **Michael Blackie** for his performance as Brother John Lemaitre, Deputy Chief Inquisitor, in the same play.

These two awards were presented by the **Governor and Mrs. Russell** respectively.

"St Joan" also collected a Golden Conch for **Roger Moir** for his performance as the Dauphin in the

character role (male) category.

The Drama Society's Festival '75 production of Brendan Behan's play "The Hostage" picked up three Golden Conch awards: best non-speaking went to **Peter Stokes** for his portrayal of the Russian sailor; **Anton Duckworth** and **Vivian Gallagher**, who played Rio Rita and Colette, were adjudged best cameo roles (male) and (female), respectively.

The "Sailor Beware" production got one award — best newcomer (male) — which went to **Stan Bleasdale** for his role as Mr. Hornett.

Most of the awards, however, were picked up by the cast and backstage workers of the drama society's Spring musical "The Boyfriend". In this production **Judy Dredge** picked up

three awards — musical (female) and character role (female), for her portrayal of Hortense, and choreography; **Anita Wheaton** got two awards — newcomer (female) and supporting role (female) for her role as Madame Dubonnet; and **Michael Blackie** completed his hat-trick with supporting role and musical award for his role as Percival Brown.

Others in that show who received awards were **Bill Bazelmans** for stage managing, and Bill and his team of **Claude Beaulieu, Clement Stevens** and **Paul Kipling** for set construction, and best director and best producer awards went to **Gale Shaw** and **Georgia Lee McSorley**, respectively.

A special award, made by the Drama Society committee, went to **Nancy Whitefield** for her work on the costumes of that production.

Probably the closest the evening got to being an Oscar-style gala was the fact **Price Waterhouse**, who tabulated the judges' verdicts, also do the same for the Oscars in Hollywood.

No doubt professional etiquette and the newly-passed Confidential Relationships (Preservation) Law will keep their lips forever sealed on the names of the judges and thus preserve them from the wrath of the less fortunate.

Now they'll be brothers in law

JOINING the law firm of **Truman Boddén** recently was **Orrin Merren III**.

Grandson of **H.O. Merren, Sr.**, and only son of the late **Orrin Merren II** and his wife **Carolyn**, a Michigan school-teacher, Orrin obtained a general B.A. degree from the University of Michigan before going on to London to read for the Bar at the Inns of Court School of Law.

He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in November, 1975, and returned to Grand Cayman a month

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Michael Blackie gets one of his three Golden Conchs from **Mrs. Russell** and some applause from **Geraldine Duckworth**. **BELOW:** **Ann Dorn** receives her award for best lead actress from the Governor, watched by **Geraldine Duckworth, Michael Blackie**, the MC for the evening, and others, not including **Cyril Garbutt**.



later to take up duties as a Deputy Clerk of Courts.

Plans for the immediate future now include marriage to **Cynthia Joy Boddén** on January 1. Miss Boddén is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Boddén** and is a staff nurse at the Grand Cayman Hospital.

The young barrister plans to return to England to resume his studies at the University of London for his LLB degree later in the year.

Loletta moves up at Southern



LOLETTA ULETT

Congratulations to 21-year-old **Loletta Ulett** on her promotion from reservation and ticket agent to supervisor of reservations with Southern Airways.

Loletta has worked for Southern Airways for two years. A high school graduate, she previously worked as a teller at the Northwestern Bank.

She is the youngest of Mr. Mrs. **Percival Ulett's** six children and was "Miss George Town" in 1973.



CYNTHIA JOY BODDEN and ORRIN MERREN III ... to be wed on New Year's Day.

